

*I'm Free*  
*Author Unknown*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Task left undone must stay that way.  
I found my place at the close of day.*



*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
The love we shared, the battles we won  
Ah, yes, these will help your life go on.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts; and shout with me  
God wants me now . . .*

*. . . HE SET ME FREE.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**OBSEQUIES**

A Celebration



of Life

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

*Earnest Fuqua*

*Saturday, January 31, 1998*

*11:00 a.m.*

*St. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

of

*America*

*Decatur, Alabama*

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# Order of Service

Elder Clifford Malone, Pastor Officiating

## The Processional

Selection ..... Choir

Scripture and Prayer ..... Elder Cannon Peppers

Selection ..... Choir

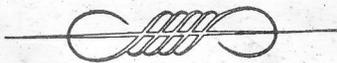
Acknowledgement ..... Jewette Cowan

Solo ..... Dorothy Gordon

Eulogy ..... Elder Clifford Malone

Solo ..... Mr. Otis Dixon

## Recessional



## Obsequies

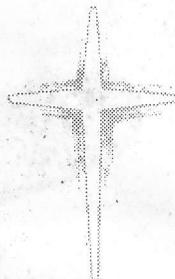
Flowers grow and they wither, the sun rises and sets, life begins and it must end as a seed is planted, grow to fruition and dies that it might live again, so it was with **Mr. Earnest Fuqua, Jr.** He was born December 8, 1936 to the late Earnest Fuqua, Sr. and Cora Lee Weaver in Limestone County.

He blossomed for 61 years and passed to a better life January 27, 1998, at his home. He appeared to welcome the call of Jesus. As he said "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest: for the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). In Christ now Mr. Fuqua has a life that will never die, A rest that can never be disturbed and joy that will never end.

Earnest accepted Christ at the Avenue Church of God In Christ. Later he continued his Christian fellowship at the St. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he remained until death.

He showed his love for life , work and caring for his family.

Those who will be deprived most profoundly of his love are his wife, Lenora Fuqua; six sons, Clarence Adkins (Damita), Earnest Fuqua, Jr. (Corrie), Fredrick Fuqua (Latoya) , Travian Fuqua all of Decatur, Alabama, Keith Bridgeforth and Yancy Bridgeforth both of Grand Haven Michigan; five daughters, Tarrian Gibson (Willie), Varrian Adkins (Victor), Wanda Jones (Walter), Ingrid Fuqua, Erin Fuqua all of Decatur, Alabama; one sister, Marie Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky; one brother Willie Frank Acklin (Shelia) of Decatur, Alabama (another brother, Thomas Fuqua preceded him in death); twenty two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a father-in-law Alexander Kirk; six sisters-in-law; eight brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## PALLBEARERS

John Thatch  
Jim Ruffin  
Bobby Gordon  
James Adkins

Walter Jones  
L.C. Troupe  
Joe Porter  
James Wallace

## FLOWER BEARERS

Mattie Jones  
Arlester Gohlston  
Jo Elliott  
Willie Jones

Dorothy Gordon  
Linda Adkins  
Elizabeth Moore  
Marie Bridgeforth

## INTERMENT

Decatur City Cemetery

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and all other expressions of kindness and concern shown during their hour of bereavement.*

*May God add a special blessing to your lives*

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